

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Tuesday - October 15, 2013- 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 9/23/13
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Presentation from a representative from the Vermont League of Cities & Towns to discuss the new Vermont Health Exchange
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Executive Session to discuss personnel interviews
- 7) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2014
- 8) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty and Frank Fressie. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager: Ron Kelley Road Foreman and Larry Smith from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Lister Mary Jo Teetor arrived at a later time in the meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda: Tom Beatty made a motion to adopt the agenda adding executive session for discussion of personnel interviews. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes 9/23/13. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Ron Kelley reported that the Highway Department has received positive comments about the work on the Pond Hill Ranch Road.

Presentation from a representative from the Vermont League of Cities & Towns to discuss the new Vermont Health Exchange: Larry Smith was present to discuss changes in our health care coverage as a result of the new Federal law. Handouts were distributed comparing the different plans and changes in the new Affordable Health Care law. Discussion followed. Plans were examined that closely resembled our existing health insurance coverage for Town employees. Susan Kasuba has begun the process of registering the Town into Vermont Health Connect before the required date of November 1st.

Road Report:

- 1) The Pond Hill Ranch Road project is just about complete.
- 2) The winter sand pile has been completed and placed in the sand shed.
- 3) Ditching continues on the Morse Hollow Road.
- 4) Work is needed on the Jones Road.
- 5) A culvert on the Stonehenge Road by Lake St. Catherine needs to be replaced. Ethan Swift, from the Agency of Natural Resources will be contacted for his review and comment before the project begins.
- 6) Rosenthal distributed information about road reclassifications from Neal Vreeland, Town Attorney. Information gathered from Mike Bradley about several roads many years ago was also presented and discussed. Rosenthal will review the road information and titles to several properties.
- 7) Road salt prices will be adjusted downward to reflect bid solicitations from the Agency of Transportation and the League of Cities and Towns.

Executive Session to discuss Personnel interviews and Recommendations for new hires:

Frank Fressie made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:35 P.M. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Beatty made a motion to leave

executive session at 8:50 P.M. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Beatty made a motion to hire Bart Amerio and Matt Sears for the two positions that are available due to retirements. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the August Financial Report prepared by Susan Kasuba were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the proposed State Police Contract for the period between November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 were distributed and discussed. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the contract. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3) The East Poultney Sidewalk Project (STP EH 12 (1), located off of Bird Street, has received its No Adverse Effect status from Historic Resources, Environmental Section from the Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) in addition to the Natural Resource Clearance and the Categorical Exclusion Permit has been approved and received from VTRANS.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: Lister Mary Jo Teetor presented three accounts (090156, PP055 and a new account to be created PP056) to be corrected under Errors and Omissions to the Grand List. Discussion followed. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the request under Errors and Omissions. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Orders: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal

